



Information Guide



France

A guide to information sources on the Republic of France, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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General information

- France: [Official portal](#)
- France: [Government portal](#)
- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) (Ministère des Affaires Étrangères)
- France: Tourist Office: [FranceGuide](#)
- European Union: European countries: [France](#)
- United Nations: Data: Country profiles: [France](#) [in French]
- Wikipedia: [France](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Country profile: [France](#)
- United States: CIA: World Factbook: [France](#)
- United States: Department of State: [France](#)
- BBC News: Country Profiles: [France](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World Data: [France](#)
- The Guardian: World News: [France](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [France](#)
- Find websites on [France](#) through Google

Agricultural information

- France: [Ministry of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Forest](#) (Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Agroalimentaire et de la Forêt) [in French]
- France: [National Institute for Agricultural Research](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: [France](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) (click on map to select country)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [France](#) (select theme then country)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [France](#)
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: [France](#)

Competition policy information

- France: [Competition Council](#) (Autorité de la Concurrence)
- OECD: Competition: [France](#)
- France: [Telecommunications Regulator](#)

Culture and language information

- France: [Ministry of Culture and Communications](#) (Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication) [in French]
- France: [General Delegation on the French Language](#) [in French]
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [France](#)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: [France](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of Europe: [France](#)

Defence and security information

- France: [Ministry of Defence](#) (Ministère de la Défense)
- France: [Directorate-General for External Security](#) (Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure)

- France: [Directorate-General for Internal Security](#) (Direction Générale de la Sécurité Intérieure) [in French]
- France: [Permanent Representation to NATO](#)

Economic information

- ESO: [France: Economic situation](#)
- France: [Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Employment](#) (Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Industrie et de l'Emploi) [in French]
- France: [Ministry for the Budget, Public Accounts and State Reform](#) (Ministère du Budget, des Comptes Publics et de la Réforme de l'État) [in French]
- France: [Invest in France Agency](#)
- France: [Business France](#)
- France: [Bank of France](#) (Banque de France)
 - [Annual Reports](#)
 - [Other Publications](#)
 - [Statistics](#)
- France: [CAC 40](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: Economies of the Member States: [France](#)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: [Taxes in Europe Database](#) (select country)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [France](#)
- Council of Europe: [The Council's Recommendation concerning the national reform program for 2015](#) (Recommandation du conseil concernant le programme national de réforme de la France pour 2015) [In French]
- International Monetary Fund: [France](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Countries: [France](#)
- OECD: Economic Surveys: [France](#) (latest edition, 2015)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [France](#)
- World Bank: [France](#)
 - Doing Business in [France](#)
- World Trade Organization: [France and the WTO](#)
- United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in [France](#)

Education information

- France: [Ministry of National Education](#) (Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche) [in French]
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in [France](#)
- Council of Europe: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in [France](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [France](#)
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: [France](#)
- OECD: Education: [France](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Country and Regional Profiles](#)
- World Bank: EdStats: [Country Profiles](#) (select country)
- GraduatesHotline (equivalent to BrainTrack): Universities and Colleges in [France](#)
- NationMaster: [Education Statistics](#)
- Wikipedia: Education in [France](#)

Employment information

- France: [Ministry of Labour, Employment , Professional Training and Social Dialogue](#) (Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi, de la Formation Professionnelle et du Dialogue Social) [in French]
- [General Confederation of Labour](#) (Confédération générale du travail, CGT) [in French]
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: European Employment Strategy: Europe 2020 in [France](#)
- Eurofound: European Industrial Relations Observatory Online: [France](#)
- European Trade Union Institute: Worker participation: National Industrial Relations in [France](#)
- Federation of European Employers: [Industrial Relations across Europe](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [France](#)
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [France](#)

Energy information

- France: [Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy](#) (Ministère de l'Écologie, du Développement durable et de l'Énergie) [in French]
 - [Statistics](#) [in French]
- European Commission: DG Energy:
 - [Energy Figures by Country](#)
 - [National Renewable Energy Action Plans](#) [select country]
- International Energy Agency: Countries: [France](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [France](#)

Environmental information

- France: [Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy](#) (Ministère de l'Écologie, du Développement durable et de l'Énergie) [in French]
- European Commission : DG Environment : LIFE Programme : [France](#)
- European Environment Agency:
 - EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: [France](#)
 - SERIS - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: [France](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: [France](#)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Catalog of data sources](#) (select theme then country)
- OECD: Environment: [France](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [France](#)
- Greenpeace International: [France](#) [in French]

European policies and relations with the European Union

- France: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#): Policies: [France and the European Union](#)
- France: [Fonds social européen en France](#) [in French]
- France: [EU Presidency, July-December 2008](#) [in French]
- France: [Bank of France](#) (Banque de France)
 - [Bank of France and Europe](#)
 - [Bank of France and the ECB](#)
 - [Publications](#)
 - [Annual report](#)
- France: [National SEPA \(Single European Payment Area\) Committee](#)
- European Union: Countries: [France](#)
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: [France](#)
- European Commission: Representation in [France](#) [in French]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [France](#)

- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
 - Economies of the Member States: [France](#)
 - [France](#) and the euro
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007 – 2013: [France](#)
- European Parliament: EP Information Office in [France](#) [in French]
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed in [France](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [France](#)
- OECD: Countries: [France](#)
 - France: [Permanent delegation to the OECD](#)

Geographic information and maps

- FAO: Forestry Country Information: Maps: [France](#)
- Lonely Planet: Map of [France](#)
- Maps of the World [France](#)
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library: Map Collection: [France](#)
- Google Maps: [France](#)

Health information

- France: [Ministry of Social Affairs, Health](#) (Ministère des Affaires Sociales, de la Santé) [in French]
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [France](#)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
 - Country Overviews: [France](#)
 - Drug Treatment Profiles: [France](#)
 - [Country Legal Profiles](#) (select country)
- OECD: Health: [France](#)
- World Health Organization:
 - Countries: [France](#)
 - Regional Office for Europe: [France](#)
 - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: [France](#)
- United Kingdom: British Medical Association: Guide to working abroad: [France](#)
 - [Anglo-French Medical Society](#)

Human rights information

- Council of Europe:
 - European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on [France](#)
 - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [France](#)
 - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: States: [France](#)
- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in [France](#)
- United States: Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: World Refugee Survey: [Europe](#) (2009)
- United States: Department of State:
 - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [France](#) (latest edition, 2015)
 - Report on International Religious Freedom: [France](#) (latest edition, 201)
- Amnesty International: Annual Report: [France](#) (latest edition, 2015/16)
- Human Rights Watch: Human Rights in [France](#)
- Reporters without borders: Freedom of information in [France](#)

Intellectual property information

- France: [National Industrial Property Institute](#) (Institut National de la Propriété Industrielle) [in French]
- European Commission: Intellectual Property: [France](#)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [France](#)

Investment information

- Invest in France: [BusinessFrance](#)
- OECD: Investment: [France](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [France](#)
- World Bank: Countries and Regions: [France](#)
- United Kingdom: Trade & Investment: Countries: [France](#)
- United states: Commercial Service: Doing business in [France](#)

Justice and home affairs information

- France: [Ministry of Justice](#) (Ministère de la Justice) [in French]
 - [Documents in English](#)
- France: [Ministry of Interior](#) (Ministère de l'Intérieur) [in French]
- European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: National Policy Documents: [France](#)
- France: Embassy of France in Washington: [The French Justice System](#)
- Council of Europe:
 - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [France](#)
 - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) [Select country]
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [France](#)
- United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: [France](#)
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: [France](#)
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: [France](#)

Living and working information

- France: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [Coming to France](#)
- France: [Invest in France Agency](#) (Agence Française pour les Investissements Internationaux)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#) (select topic)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES – The European Job Mobility Portal: Living & Working in [France](#)
- Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions:
 - [Homepage](#)
 - European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): [France](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Country Profiles: [France](#)
- United States: Department of State: Countries: [France](#)
- Just Landed: Living, Working or Studying in [France](#)
- AngloINFO: [France](#)

Media information

- European Broadcasting Union: Active Members: [France](#)
- European Journalism Centre: Media Landscape: [France](#)
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: [ENPA](#)

- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: [France](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: [France](#)
- Online Newspapers: [France](#)
- Radiomap: [Radio Stations in France](#)

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: [France: Political situation](#)
- ESO: [France: Political situation: Elections](#)
- France: [Government portal](#) [in French]
 - [Constitution](#)
 - [Political System](#)
- France: [National Assembly](#) (Assemblée nationale)
- France: [Senate](#) (Sénat)
- France: [Presidency](#) (Élysée) [in French]
- France: [Supreme Court](#) (Cour de cassation) [in French]
- France: [Administrative Supreme Court](#) (Conseil d'État)
 - [Documents translated into English](#)
- France: [Constitutional Council](#) (Conseil constitutionnel)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES): Election Guide: [France](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [France](#)
- OECD: Regulatory Reform: [France](#)
- NCCR Democracy: EU Profiler: [France](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: Countries: [France](#)
- United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: [France](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [France](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [France](#)

Public management information

- France: [National School of Administration](#) (Ecole Nationale d'Administration)
- OECD: Public Governance: [France](#)
- European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): Country Reports 2006-2009: [France](#)
- [International Public Management Network](#)

R&D information

- France: [Ministry of Higher Education and Research](#) (Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche) [in French]
- France: [National Centre for Scientific Research](#) (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique)
- European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National R&D Information Service: [France](#)
- European Commission: DG Research & Innovation: [European Research 2004-2009](#)
- European Commission: [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011](#)
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [France](#)
- OECD: Innovation: [France](#)
- OECD: Science and technology: [France](#)

Regional and local information

- Committee of the Regions: Europe in my Region : [France](#)
- Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: [France](#) (select country)
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: [France](#)
- OECD: Regional, Rural and Urban Development: [France](#)

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France has undergone in 2016 a territorial reorganisation. See below the names and websites of the new regions:

- [Bourgogne Franche-Comté](#)[In French]
- [Bretagne](#)
 - [EU grants](#) [in French]
 - [Representation in Brussels](#) [in French]
 - [Europe and Bretagne](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#)
- [Centre-Val de Loire](#) [In French]
- [Corsica](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#) [in French]
 - [Europe in Corsica](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#)
- [Grand-Est](#) [In French]
- [Guadeloupe](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#) [in French]
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- [Guyane](#) [in French]
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- [Hauts de France](#) [In French]
- [Ile-de-France](#)
 - [Representation in Brussels](#)
 - [EU grants](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#)

- [Martinique](#)
 - [EU grants](#)
- [Normandie](#) [In French]
- [Nouvelle Aquitaine](#) [In French]
- [L'Occitanie](#) [in French]
- [Pays de la Loire](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#) [in French]
 - [Representation in Brussels](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#)
- [Provence - Alpes - Côte d'Azur](#)
 - [EU grants](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#)
- [Réunion](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#) [in French]
 - [EU grants](#)
- [Rhône-Alpes-Auvergne](#) [In French]

Social information

- France: [Social Security Portal](#) (Portail du service public de la Sécurité Sociale) [in French]
- European Commission: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your social security rights in [France](#)
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Organisation of Social Protection](#)
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: [France](#)
- OECD: Insurance and Pensions: [France](#)
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: [France](#)
- UNICEF: Information by country: [France](#)
- United States: Social Security Administration:
 - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [France](#)
 - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [France](#) (latest edition, 2014)

Statistical information

- France: [Bank of France](#) (Banque de France)
 - [Statistics and surveys](#)
- France: [National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies](#) (Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques)
 - [Topics](#)
 - [Databases](#)
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- Eurostat: [Country Profiles](#) [select country]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profiles: [France](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: [France](#)
- United Nations: Statistics division: Country profiles: [France](#)
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: [France](#)
- NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on [France](#)

Tourism information

- France: Federation of Tourist Offices and Information Sites: [Tourism in France](#) [in French]
- France: Tourist Office: [FranceGuide](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: [France](#)
- The Telegraph: Destinations: [France](#)
- Lonely Planet: [France](#)

- Rough Guides: [France](#)
- TripAdvisor: Europe Tourism: [France](#)

Transport information

- France: [Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy](#) (Ministère de l'Écologie, du Développement durable et de l'Énergie) [in French]
- [State Secretariat of Transport](#) (Secretariat d'État aux transports) [In French]
- [Air France](#)
- [National Society of French railways](#) (Société nationale des chemins de fer, SNCF)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport:
 - [EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook](#) (latest edition, 2013)
 - [Road Safety: How is your country doing?](#) (latest edition, 2012)
- NationMaster: Transport in [France](#)
- Wikipedia: Transport in [France](#)

Weather information

- France: Météo France: [France weather forecast](#) [in French]
- BBC: Weather: Country Guides: [France](#)
- China: Hong Kong Observatory: World Weather Information: [France](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [France](#)

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